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ITA and PERF Deadline December 31st!

Ken Hollenzer

December 31, 2003, is the postmark deadline for the Notice of Intent to Apply form (ITA) and Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form (PERF) for State Fiscal Year 2005 projects. You must submit an ITA and a PERF by this deadline if you intend to request funding from the Clean Water Fund Program, the Safe Drinking Water Loan, or the Land Recycling Loan Program between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005.

ITAs are valid for one state fiscal year. If your municipality submits an ITA by December 31 for a project but does not receive funding during the following fiscal year, you must submit another ITA to keep the project current with the Environmental Improvement Fund. If your municipality is planning to apply for funds for more than one project, you must submit a separate ITA for each project.

If you already submitted a PERF for your project and there is no change in the scope of that project, you do not need to submit another PERF. We require one PERF be submitted for each project.

Visit our website at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html to print ITAs and PERFs for all EIF programs, or request copies to be mailed to you by contacting Deb Olson at 608-266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us.

If you have questions about ITAs or PERFs, contact Ken Hollenzer at 608-266-7542 or

Kenneth.Hollenzer@dnr.state.wi.us.

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Funding Sources Committee-Evening Hours Workshop

Jerry Wilson

There is yet another opportunity to attend a Funding Sources Workshop this year. On Tuesday evening, December 2, 2003, we have scheduled an abbreviated Funding Sources Workshop. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Workshop presentations are scheduled for 6:30 -8:45 P.M. at the Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth Street, at the corner of Main Street (Hwy. 51) and Fourth Street. This session will address funding alternatives for drinking water and wastewater projects and provide program updates. The following agencies are included in the Funding Sources Committee:

- -Bd of Commissioners of Public Lands
- -Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc.
- -USDA Rural Development
- -WI Community Action Program Assoc
- -WI Department of Administration
- -WI Department of Commerce
- -WI Department of Natural Resources
- -WI Department of Veteran Affairs
- -WI Housing & Economic Development Authority
- -WI Rural Water Association

For further information contact Jerry Wilson at 608-264-8986 or gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us.

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SDWLP SFY 04 Funding List

Jeanne Cargill

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Funding List for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004 was published online Friday, November 7 at:

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/ EL/Section/news.html. It is included in the appendix of this issue of *Loan Interests*. We received 26 applications by April 30, 2003, with an amended total assistance requested amount of \$36,274,086.

The funding list has two fundable ranges. The SDWLP allocated funds that are immediately available to the first 16 projects on the list. We will allocate funding to the 10 remaining projects when we receive our capitalization grant funds for this year from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, most likely later this month. We expect to be able to fully fund all of the projects on the list.

Applying in SFY 2005

If you're interested in applying for SFY 2005 funds from the SDWLP, your local governmental unit must submit the following:

- an SDWLP Notice of Intent to Apply form (ITA – Form 8700-260), postmarked by December 31, 2003:
- an SDWLP Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form (PERF – Form 8700-265), postmarked by December 31, 2003; and
- an SDWLP Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-262) and related documents, postmarked by April 30, 2004.

These forms are available on our website at

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/ EL/FORMS/forms.html, or contact Deb Olson at (608) 266-5889 or debra.olson@dnr.state.wi.us to request copies be mailed to you.

If you have questions about the SDWLP, contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us.

Revised NR 162 in Effect December 1st

Dave Calhoon

The new revision of Chapter NR 162 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, which we told you about in the September issue of *Loan Interests*, will take effect December 1. NR 162 now contains all of the administrative rules for the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP). This revision incorporates the old NR 165, covering the Small Loan Program, adds some CWFP cost eligibility items, and clarifies notice of intent to apply requirements.

A draft of the new code is available on our web site at:

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/ EL/Forms/draft162.pdf

We anticipate that the final version of the code will not be available on the Revisor of Statutes web site until some time after the effective date. When it does become available there, it will be at:

http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/

If you have any questions about Small Loan Program interest rate subsidies, please contact Dave Calhoon at (608) 264-8844 or

david.calhoon@dnr.state.wi.us. Contact Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 or jeanne.cargill@dnr.state.wi.us if you have other questions regarding the new code. φ

Calendar of Events

December 2, 2003 Funding Sources Workshop *Public Library, Stoughton* 6:30 - 8:45pm, register at 6pm

December 31, 2003
ITAs and PERFs
Deadline for CWFP,SDWLP, and
LRLP

January 15, 2004
Applications on the web for
UNPS and TRM grant programs
(see article in Appendix)

Grants for Runoff and Storm Water Management

Jeanne Cargill

Are you looking for grant funds to deal with runoff pollution or storm water in your municipality? Some of our coworkers in the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance asked us to provide you with information about their competitive cost-share grant programs.

Grant awards for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS) support smallscale, 2-year projects sponsored by local governmental units.

For further information about these grant programs, see the page titled "DNR Grant Applications Available" in the appendix of this issue of *Loan Interests*. ϕ



Compliance Maintenance of Collection Systems

Jack Saltes

Wisconsin's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) has been an annual self-evaluation reporting requirement for publicly- and privatelyowned domestic sewerage treatment works since 1987. It is required under ch. NR 208, Wis. Adm. Code. The purpose of this self-evaluation program is to encourage, and where necessary require, owners of publicly- and privately-owned wastewater treatment works to take necessary actions to avoid water quality degradation and prevent violations of WPDES permit effluent limitations and conditions. Compliance maintenance promotes an owner's awareness and responsibility for wastewater treatment needs, maximizes the useful life of treatment works through improved operations and maintenance and initiates formal planning, design and construction to prevent WPDES permit violations.

Hoping to reduce the growing number of sewage overflows to lakes and rivers and protect the multi-billion dollar investment in municipal treatment plants, the Department is moving to revise rules governing the aging systems of pipes that collect and carry sewage from Wisconsin homes and businesses to municipal treatment plants. As is the case across the country, evidence is growing that the aging collection

systems are a weakening link in our wastewater disposal infrastructure. From 1996 through 2000, there were 480 instances in which 162 Wisconsin communities had sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) into Wisconsin waters without treatment because too much storm water and groundwater was entering the sewage collection system. Additional SSOs were caused by failures in the electrical, structural and mechanical components of the sewerage systems. The primary cause for many overflows is excessive "infiltration and inflow" into the sewers through old and deteriorating collection systems. The resulting high flows exceed the carrying capacity of the sewers and lead to overflows and basement backups.

Maintaining and upgrading sewer collection systems will be a wastewater management emphasis for decades and beyond. WDNR is, therefore, proposing to develop a Capacity, Management, Operation & Maintenance (CMOM) type program and expand the compliance maintenance program to more specifically address sanitary sewer systems. WDNR intends to create a section of the annual report that requires all collection system owners (including satellite systems that are tributary to regional treatment facilities) to address these systems on a regular basis. A number of performance indicators will be used within the collection system section of the CMAR as measures optimizing collection system operation and maintenance and system performance. This section should help wastewater and sewer system utilities develop, improve and implement

operation and maintenance or CMOM programs for their sewer systems. Adequate budgeting on a long-term ongoing annual basis for sanitary sewer system management, improvements and upgrading will be necessary to implement such infrastructure programs.

For more information about the CMAR and collection systems, contact Jack Saltes, Wastewater Operations Engineer, Department of Natural Resources, Madison, at (608) 264-6045 or jack.saltes@dnr.state.wi.us. More information about the wastewater compliance maintenance program can be found on the Department website at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/w m/ww/cmar.html. See our Funding Sources page at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/ EL/Forms/sources.html for information regarding financial assistance available for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and sewage collection system rehabilitation. φ